

Guidance for Playground Users (Parents, Caregivers and Children)

Consider wearing a face covering when using playgrounds. When wearing face coverings on playgrounds keep these key considerations top of mind:

Cloth face coverings should not be placed on young children under age 2, anyone who has trouble breathing, or is unconscious, incapacitated or otherwise unable to remove the mask without assistance.

Parents and caregivers should encourage the proper wearing of face coverings and masks. When face coverings and masks are worn properly and children are supervised, they should not pose additional safety hazards. It is important to supervise children prudently when using playgrounds and other play structures.



Parents and caregivers should monitor how masks are being worn. If children are unable to wear them or if play is vigorous and the face covering is moving around on the face or neck, children should not wear face coverings or masks. Physical distancing is paramount when masks cannot be worn.

Consider the type of mask being worn. Masks that tear away easily are the best option for wearing on playgrounds.

Before use, parents and caregivers should also confirm that:

- Playground equipment is safety standard compliant.
- The use of playgrounds is allowable and in accordance with the most up-to-date CDC, state and local public health guidance. For additional information, please visit the CDC website at [cdc.gov/coronavirus/2019-ncov/community/parks-rec/index.html](https://www.cdc.gov/coronavirus/2019-ncov/community/parks-rec/index.html).

